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DOCTOR'S WARNING TO GOLFERS  
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Dr. Clarence W. Lieb, A.M. M.D., a well-known American physician, and a golfer who plays the game for amusement and recreation, has been investigating "golf hazards" encountered by men who have passed the fifty years' mark. He was led to inquire into the subject by reason of his attention being drawn to occasional cases of sudden death on the links. Dr. Lieb, having collected data relating to twenty-seven such tragedies, has arrived at certain definite conclusions, which he sets forth in a very human document contributed to the *New York State Journal of Medicine*. It is of obvious interest to all middle-aged men, who form the vast majority of the world's golfers.

Of the cases of sudden death investigated, Dr. Lieb found that in practically every instance organic conditions were the direct cause, and playing golf merely contributory. Further, if the individuals concerned had undergone periodical careful physical inventories, and had obtained their lives accordingly, many of them would be alive to-day. It behooves us, therefore, in order to minimise the risks, to go to the doctor in the same way as we visit the dentist.

It is at the age of fifty—the meridian of life according to Dr. Lieb—that a physical examination should be made, because it is at this stage in human existence that almost without exception, signs or symptoms indicating physical decay are shown. For the same reason, that one's diet should be readjusted for every decade after forty, says Dr. Lieb, "so should one's manner of exercise be modified to meet the physical limitations that Nature imposes."

NATURE'S LIMITATIONS.  
The two types of golfers in which medical men are chiefly interested are the neurological (those with highly-strung, intensive petulant natures) and the cardiologist (those with weak hearts, high blood pressure, etc.). In the latter, the subjective annoyances in golf, and because courses are strewn with difficulties and hazards, the game, Dr. Lieb contends, does make most nervous people more nervous. "There are few human reactions," he adds, "more pathetic to witness than that of the nervous man playing golf. The moment he addresses the ball his nerves already tense, become more tense. In the words of the old song he labours under the delusion that to stretch every nerve and press with vigour on is essential to good playing. As the result of a sliced ball he becomes more annoyed and agitated. Irritability shows in every gesture and facial expression. His face reddens and capillaries, audible and inaudible, vibrate from his vocal chords. This is a state of mind not at all good for the player, and yet how very often we meet it."

In the case of individuals with "heart symptoms"—most people who have passed the "meridian of life" show weakness in this direction—swinging golf clubs with great force cause too much strain upon a flabby heart-muscle. The stroke should be an easy one, Dr. Lieb advises. A half or three-quarter swing, employing only the arms and the wrists, may spare the heart and spoil the score, but the heart patient should not play for a score but for fun and nervous exercise. And playing on crowded courses where haste is requisite to prevent misunderstandings with the players pressing hard on your heels creates excitement, which is bad for the man with a heart. I do not see how this is to be avoided when the business man, like other folk, can only play at the week-end, and when all the best courses are often inconveniently crowded. But he can avoid playing for stakes, which, says Dr. Lieb, frequently does harm by intensifying the game, and putting an undue strain upon a defective nervous system and a weak heart. Particularly is this true in tournament and other forms of competitive play.

THREE TYPICAL CASES.  
"By way of example of what happens the case is quoted of a man fifty-two years of age and normal in every respect. He starts with a blood pressure of 140, which jumps suddenly to 170 on driving into a foursome ahead, and recedes rapidly on making, so we are told, "a beautiful 250 yards drive." But the chart shows a leap to 165 when the player drives into a sandpit and cannot get out. One minute after taking a "high ball" (two ounces of Scotch whisky) at the bar normal conditions are again nearly reached, with a reading of 145. The second case is that of a man aged sixty-two with an impaired heart. Before leaving the clubhouse the blood pressure reading is 170, which rises to 195 after driving two balls out of bounds from the first tee. By reason of playing indifferently, having a few words with the caddy, and losing a couple of half-crown wagers on the way, the chart shows significant rises until, at the sixteenth tee, where the player is faced with a nasty drive, the reading is as high as 245.

Dr. Lieb lays down a number of health rules for veteran golfers, among them being the avoidance of playing on hilly courses, more than eighteen holes, daily directly after eating, on very cold, or very windy days, and playing golf with one's wife.—*The Observer*.

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Speaking at Staple Inn, Mr. W. B. Barker, president of the British Optical Association, drew attention to the varieties of headaches arising from eye-strain, and mentioned among others that variety caused by cross-word puzzles, a form with which the optician had now to grapple. He said that a New York eye hospital had reported this trouble, and qualified opticians in England were now meeting with similar symptoms. The small type in which the "clues" were printed in some newspapers, and the strain caused by the constant shifting to and fro of the eyes from the check-squares to the "clues" combined to overwork the sight whenever there was even a slight error of refraction. Some form of eye fatigue, with consequent headaches, was a natural consequence. The qualified optician whom he was addressing could perform a valuable service to the public in warning them against over-indulgence in the pastime under wrong conditions, which, in the case of persons (Continued at foot of next column.)

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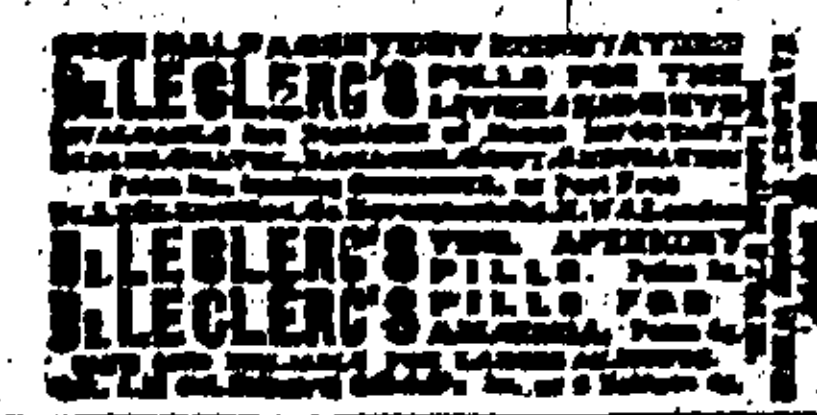
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## SCOTTISH SPORT.

SCOTLAND WIN AT SOCCER.  
THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, February 18th.  
Scotland made a good start in the inter-  
national contests for the season by de-  
feating Wales at Edinburgh, by 3 goals to 1. Wales last season were victorious over all three rival nations, thereby gaining the so-called International Cham-  
pionship. The weather was of the worst possible description. There had been two days' rain. "Some mud," was the result; or, as the ex-service men put it, "Somme mud." Under the conditions the quality of football displayed by both elevens was remarkably good, and the stamina of the players was put to the severest test. The Scottish forwards set a fast pace, and, supported by three capable half-backs, subjected the Welsh goal to a severe fusillade in the opening stages. Resolute play by the Welsh defence, in which Keenor, the captain, was prominent, withstood the Scottish pressure, and enabled the Welshmen to open out the play. In nine minutes, however, following brilliant combination between the Scots left wingers, Cairns and Morton, the Welsh goal fell to a shot from McIlkelloh from half-back. Gallacher added a second goal for the Scots whose forwards showed remarkably clever and skilful control under such conditions. Wales kept the issue open by fast rushes, and Williams scored close on the interval. Wales almost drew level immediately on the restart. The contest was waged with unabated fury, and repeated by each goal was in danger of falling. Scotland, however, got a third goal in 16 minutes through a magnificent individual effort by Gallacher, who eluded the half-back and both backs, and finally stalled off the challenge of the out-rushing Welsh goalkeeper, and from a difficult position showed fine judgment in turning the ball through the vacant goal. Wales continued to make a fight of it until 15 minutes from the end, when they lost their centre forward, through injury, and in the last stages the Scots delighted the crowd with an exhibition of clever and skilful, if over-elaborate, ball manipulation.

## THE LEAGUE GAMES.

The week's games have included one of importance—Airdrieonians v. Aberdeen. The Lanarkshire side, with two players in the International and other two on the injured list, were placed at a serious disadvantage. As a consequence they dropped a point in a goalless draw with their Northern opponents, and Rangers are now relatively two points in advance of them. The remaining games were principally of interest from the relegation point of view, and the positions in regard thereto are still doubtful. It is to be feared, however, that Ayr United are doomed. The Ayrshire club lost a further couple of points to St. Mirren at Paisley, and seem definitely fixed at the foot of the table. Kilmarnock and Heart of Midlothian also went further behind. On the other hand, Dundee and Bath Rovers won their engagements.

Dundee United continue to lead the Second Division.

## RUGBY.

Owing to the wretched weather, some of the principal Rugby matches were put off, but the outstanding engagement—that between Heriot's (F.P.) and the Glasgow Academicals—was fulfilled, and the result, a narrow victory for the Academicals, puts Heriot's out of the running for the Championship, and leaves the Glasgow club in a particularly strong position to carry off the honours of the season. West of Scotland, as expected, went down before Glasgow High School F.P.'s.

Scotland beat Wales by the only goal scored.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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**GOVERNMENT OF CHINA.  
KUOMINTANG WARNING AGAINST  
A CONFEDERACY SYSTEM.**

A notification has been issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang to all members the *Canton Gazette* says, to the following effect:—

We beg to submit you herewith reports of the 6th Meeting of this Committee in which a resolution was passed as follows:

"Whereas the last will of our late President and the Declaration made at the First Meeting of Representatives of the Whole Republic being taken as a basis of the policy adopted by the Kuomintang; adequate measures should be taken against the alleged Confederacy system advocated by certain factions which is absolutely inconsistent with the principles of above Declaration.

"Since the creation of the Republic by our late President, the imperialistic clique has been trying all the time to crush our Party. They made tools of the unscrupulous Militarists to endanger our country and enslave our nation. The treachery of Yuan Shih Kai, the usurpation of Tsao Kun and the restoration of the Manchu Emperor all were closely connected with the motives of the Imperialists. Hence the Punitive Expedition against Yuan Shih Kai, the Constitutional Campaign and other efforts made by our President during the last fourteen years till his death. Yet the National Revolution is not accomplished!

"On leaving for the North, our President made a declaration that China should be re-united under a government based on a National Conference of the People. This aroused much enmity on the part of the imperialistic clique, as such a policy would seriously affect their oppression and aggression on China. They have therefore tried to frustrate this scheme by inducing the military faction to become their tools, and the latter are, in turn, quite ready to seize such opportunity to strengthen their position under the pretence of a Confederacy system.

"We, the members of the Kuomintang, having on our shoulders the great duty of National Salvation, should strive to effect the conquest of these militarists, in order to save our Party from ruin, and to maintain the welfare of the whole Chinese Nation."

**CAMPAIGN IN KWANGTUNG.  
PROVINCE PRACTICALLY "FREED  
OF ALL REBEL TROOPS."**

Military Headquarters at Canton announce that General Hin Hu and his army have now been completely shattered as a compact fighting machine.

They are now in full flight across the border to Kiangsi province.

With the completion of this military operation, this province is now practically freed of all rebel troops and of all effective military resistance. Such matters as the inevitable surrender of Waichow and the clearing up of the Southern front are of the order of minor military problems. The Government now holds the complete mastery over the situation in Kwangtung.

In the Swatow region, the demoralized forces of General Hung Chao Lin are retreating to the borders of Fukien. An attempt to rally his men to make a counter-attack on Swatow last week was promptly frustrated. While some guerrilla raids may be attempted occasionally from across the Fukien border, the Military authorities dismiss the Chen Chiung Ming rebels as being no longer a serious factor of military importance.—*Canton Gazette.*

**LOCAL SPORT.**

**BILLIARDS.  
CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY  
AT V.R.C.**

At the Victoria Recreation Club, last night, P. Ivanovitch defeated E. D. da Rosa by 800-712 in the first round of the Billiards Championship of the Colony. At the end of the first session, Rosa led by 410 to 398, but could not maintain his lead after dinner.

**HIGHEST BREAKS.**

The highest breaks were:  
P. Ivanovitch: 45, 32, 31, 29, 25, 23, 28, 21, 20, 20, 20.

E. D. da Rosa: 34, 29, 28, 27, 24, 21.

The match to-night is between F.O. Ogden and Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bates.

To-morrow night, the second round commences, when Wong Po Hong will meet K. K. Leung.

**CRICKET.**

**K.O.C. v. UNIVERSITY.**

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in a league match against the University at Kowloon to-morrow at 2 p.m.:—H. Overy, B. Petheram, J. C. Lyal, F. Goodwin, A. W. Ramsay, S. J. K. R. Macaskill, Geo. Lee, A. R. F. Raven, J. C. Fletcher, and L. A. R. Duncan.

**BARRISTER CHARGED.  
SENSATIONAL POLICE COURT  
CASE AT SHANGHAI.**

Our Shanghai correspondent cabled on the 21st inst. that Mr. L. K. Kentwell, a British barrister, appeared at the British Police Court on that day before Mr. G. W. King, charged with being in possession of counterfeit notes on the Bank of Communications. Further details are now available.

Mr. Kentwell was taken into custody at his residence, 1, Soochow Road, at 10.30 on the previous night. The arrest was made by Detective-Sergeant Tinkler in the presence of Detectives Goulis and Laure of the French force, at whose instigation the warrant for the barrister's arrest was issued.

A search of the premises immediately following the arrest failed to bring to light any spurious money. Mr. Kentwell was driven to the Central Police Station and there spent the rest of the night. When he appeared in the British Police Court next morning, he was represented by Mr. Heen. Mr. H. Lipson Ward prosecuted on behalf of the French authorities and the Bank of Communications.

Counsel suggested that evidence of arrest be taken and the case then be adjourned, as he had just been retained. Mr. Heen offered no objection to this suggestion and Detective-Sergeant Tinkler went into the witness-box.

Witness stated that when the warrant was read over to Mr. Kentwell, the latter remarked "I think you will find all this is false." In the interval between arrest and the opening of the proceedings, according to the detective, Mr. Kentwell added that "he supposed the fact that he had defended many Chinese in various counterfeiting cases had some bearing on the charge."

Cross-examination of the witness was reserved by the defence. A proposal advanced by Mr. Ward that the hearing be adjourned was agreed to by Mr. Heen, who asked for bail. Mr. Ward rose and stated he had been instructed to oppose such application, but could add nothing further.

**OTHER ARRESTS!**

Upon the Court pointing out that no evidence that bogus notes were found on Mr. Kentwell had been offered, the prosecution declared that to offer any evidence at the hearing would seriously injure the case for the prosecution, as other arrests would be made which might be prevented by such testimony being adduced.

Mr. Ward informed the Court further that the prosecution would continue on the present charge of possession of counterfeit notes but stressed the possibility that the accusation of uttering bogus notes would be added.

Mr. Heen reminded the Court that defendant had been a member of the British bar for several years and had been of good standing in the eight years that he had practised law in Shanghai. He suggested cash bail, as no incriminating evidence has been offered except the statement of prosecuting counsel.

The Magistrate replied that Mr. Lipson Ward, as a member of the British bar, was an official of the Court and as such his statement would have to be accepted as bona fide. He pointed to the seriousness of the charge. Under Section 8 of the Forgery Act of 1913, a maximum imprisonment term of 14 years was provided. "My position is singularly difficult," Mr. King declared, "as there is no judge at present in Shanghai to whom an appeal could be brought, in chambers, in the event of my deciding against bail."

He then announced that accused would be remanded in custody until the 25th inst.

Mr. Kentwell's age was given as 43. He is married and has a family residing at 1, Soochow Road.

**POLICE COURT ITEMS.**

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. S. B. B. McDermott, a Chinese was charged with obtaining goods by false pretences, by means of a forged instrument. It was stated that defendant went to a shop and ordered a quantity of marine delicacies, producing a note of authority, purporting to have been written by someone well known to the shop. He obtained the goods, but later, when the fraud was discovered, the man was arrested. His Worship sentenced defendant to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The case against Hakim Karim Bux, of 34, Haiphong Road, and of the Indian Mosque, for having practised as a doctor without being registered, and being in possession of certain poisons which came under the Ordinance, was continued yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy. A number of Indians gave evidence to the effect that they were examined by defendant who prescribed medicines for them. Charges made for medicines were stated to have been from \$5 to \$15. Mr. Elsey Zeilyn, for the defence, challenged one witness with having been offered a sum of \$300 to give evidence in the case. This the witness stoutly denied. The case is being continued to-day.

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**CINEMA NOTES.**

**CORONET THEATRE.**

"Give me a picture with a good laugh in it," is a remark often heard in Hongkong. "Oh Doctor!" which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening as the feature attraction for the next few days is a picture with not one good laugh but a score or more good laughs—unless, as could honestly be done, the picture is to be described as "one long laugh." To go further it should also be called a picture of thrills too, for in addition to the many little touches of the subtlest humour, there are moments when the comedy becomes exciting to a breathless degree.

**QUEEN'S THEATRE.**

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## PSYCHOLOGY OF WAR.

## LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY BY PROFESSOR SMITH.

The series of lectures on psychology in relation to industry were continued at the University yesterday evening, when Professor Smith spoke on the "Psychology of War."

In war, he said, it was not always the survival of the strongest that ruled, that was in modern war. The bullet and the shell killed indiscriminately, and it was often the bravest that died first. One point from which the psychologist approached war was that every people tended to over-populate their country and the instinct of nature for the survival of the fittest worked through individual psychology and about once in a hundred years there came a general killing off. That instinct was always obeyed. Greater energy was displayed in praying after a war, than the other side was in the wrong than was displayed in the actual winning of the war. Why were people anxious to do this? Because the deeds of war impressed civilised people as being morally wrong, and it became necessary the blame should be put on the other side. The moral sense of the individual repudiated war as being wrong; but, once that moral sense was satisfied, that the other people started it, or were in the wrong, they prosecuted war with the same degree of mercilessness. In the last war the Allies did wage it with a good deal more mercy and restraint than did the Germans. The result was that the feeling of hate the Allies denied during the war had existed through three years of a peace which was not a peace.

In war for the time being, man became possessed of a desire to slay, but then in the course of time the blood lust was satisfied. That was why the desire for blood was never satisfied in the civilian at home. At Christmas 1914, the troops on both sides had had enough fighting. A Christmas truce was declared, but when it was over, the leaders on both sides had the utmost difficulty in getting the men to start fighting again. That truce was never tried again.

All people in war were sure that they were right—that the other side started it and, they felt an anger which was only satisfied in reducing the other side to impotence.

## AN END INVENTED.

One often heard it said "the end justified the means." What was really meant was that the means were wanted and an end was invented to justify them. Here the lecturer instanced the religious fanatic who, in his endeavours to remove heresy and heretics, found his greatest delight in torture. President Wilson made research into the causes of war and invented a panacea for it, the League of Nations. He did not believe in the League of Nations, but he saw that such an organisation was bound to hang up a declaration of war at least for eight hours, and hoped that in that time war might be avoided.

John Drinkwater had said in one of his plays that war was the result of anger in people when confronted with problems they could not understand. That was true. The problem they could not understand was the problem of their own natures.

It was a feeling of patriotism which kept men fighting. What was patriotism? The French called their country La Patrie. Patrie, of course, was Father and La was feminine. Patriotism was that feeling we had towards our country and that was why we spoke of it as the Mother or Fatherland. The French combined the two in one phrase. We never became completely independent of parental influence.

## EAST AND WEST.

Dealing with the differing psychology of East and West the lecturer said the West looked with horror on the fact that in the East people had no regard for the fate of those outside their own family, and the East looked with amazement on the West, as in a time of war it set about to make widows and orphans on a colossal scale. The latter circumstance was because the social laws in the West were high and when the real selves of the Westerners broke out it did so in a way more awful and terrible.

## MOTOR BUS ABLAZE.

## FITTER BADLY BURNED.

As the result of a Kai Tack motor bus catching fire when a fitter was refilling the petrol tank, in the yard of the bus premises in the early hours of yesterday morning, the fitter was badly burned, and was removed to hospital.

The bus was soon a mass of flames, and the wood structure was burnt out.

## POSSESSION CASE.

## JUDGMENT FOR LANDLORD.

A partly-heard case, in which the landlord of No. 22, Stanton Street, Hung Shuk Hing Tong, claimed possession from the occupiers, was resumed in the Summary Court, before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) yesterday morning. Plaintiff also claimed three months' rent and mesne profits.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. T. Pryor for the defendants.

Mr. Pryor, for defendants, said the plaintiff made a demand for increased rent, but defendants declined to pay, and that the proper rent was offered, but plaintiff declined to accept it. Mr. Russ said the rent was never offered.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs, with a stay of execution to the 10th of the present Chinese month.

## TAI O RAID.

## ONE WOMAN KILLED AND BOOTY WORTH \$21,600 TAKEN.

In connection with the sensational attack by armed robbers on Tai O on Wednesday, reported in yesterday's *Daily Press*, our representative was officially informed on making an inquiry yesterday, that the raiders escaped with a haul of money, jewellery, clothing and piece goods, valued approximately at \$21,600.

One woman was killed during the raid, one wounded, while two men were kidnapped. It is hoped to discover where the robbers came from prior to making the raid, and every effort is being made to run the gang to earth.

## FIRE ON S.S. "TALMA."

## JUTE CARGO ABLAZE.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, a disastrous fire occurred on the British India Steam Navigation Co.'s steamer *Talma*, which arrived on Tuesday. The alarm was given shortly before 5 a.m. and two engines from the Kowloon fire station arrived almost immediately. The naval float, Government float and Fire Brigade float were also quickly on the spot. Passengers aboard the *Talma* were sent ashore.

A cargo of jute in No. 3 hold was found to be on fire and the hold was immediately flooded, this being the only course possible under the circumstances. This measure saved No. 2 hold from getting alight. The fire was extinguished in about five hours but the fire brigade did not leave until 11 a.m. The jute was still smouldering until late in the afternoon yesterday, but there was then no possibility of a fresh outbreak. The cause of the fire and the nature and extent of the damage are as yet unknown.

Much of the cargo in No. 2 hold was damaged by water and heat. The *Talma* was built in 1923 at Newcastle, her gross tonnage being 10,000, and net, 6,151. She is one of the recent additions of the British India Co. to the Hongkong service. Her passengers on this occasion were 51 European and 682 Asiatics. She was due to leave for Shanghai to-day, but her departure has been postponed.

## HELENA MAY MUSICALE.

## AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

One of the most enjoyable and successful musicales of the season was that given at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance and the capital programme which was admirably rendered, received much appreciation in the way of applause.

The full programme given was as under: Pianoforte Solo, Madame Bonenfant. Song, "Moin," (Bothwell Thomson), Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

Song, "A Little Brown Bird Singing," (Haydn Wood), Mrs. Beale.

Song, "I am so Sleepy," Mr. Oscar Eager.

Plantation Song, Mrs. Russell Brown.

Pianoforte Solo, Madame Bonenfant.

Recitations, The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Song, "The Morning," (L. Sparks), Mrs. Beale.

Song, "I hear you Calling me," (Matschall), Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

Song, "She told me to meet her at the Gate," Mr. Oscar Eager.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Holt, R.N., the masters of the steam-launch *Kwong Hot* and the steam-launch *See Lee*, were each fined \$10 for being under way without having a certificated engineer on board. At the same court, the master of the steam-launch *Pada* was fined \$10 for failing to observe the rule of the road.

## DARING NIGHT BURGLARY.

## MESSRS. A TACK'S VISITED.

## GOODS WORTH \$12,000 STOLEN.

In the early hours of yesterday morning burglars were busy at the premises of the well-known firm of Messrs. A. Tack and Co., of No. 26, Des Vaux Road Central, dealers in furniture, jewellery and photographic apparatus. It is estimated that the burglars stole goods to the value of \$12,000.

The A. Tack premises are situated just at the rear of Messrs. Lock Hing's shop, which was recently visited by a gang of thieves. It is presumed that the burglar or burglars found their way through the maze of alleyways intersecting the blocks of buildings, and got into a small passage in between the A. Tack premises and the Dragon Motor Car Company, or may have dropped from the scaffolding around the P. & O. Building. There was a small door in the passage alluded to, and by whatever means they reached the passage, apparently they had no difficulty in removing the staple and bolt.

Show cases were prised open and gold and platinum fountain pens taken. Goods were also removed from the window show cases. The shutters were up at the time, and the robbers did their work with little danger of being discovered.

Only jewellery, gold and platinum was touched, though an attempt was made to open the safe, but the thieves apparently did not make much progress in this direction.

Amongst the articles taken were gold and platinum watches, diamond earrings, diamond brooches, and gold fountain pens and pencils.

The manager of Messrs. A. Tack, stated yesterday that apparently the robbers were disturbed in their search, and left before they could secure all they wanted. He had been aroused on several nights previously by a dog barking, but on going downstairs to investigate, had found nothing wrong. He heard the dog barking during the night, but did not trouble to go below, but the thieves might have been scared away by the barking of the dog.

The goods were not insured.

## ARMS CASE.

## CHINESE RECEIVES MAXIMUM PENALTY.

The sequel to a police raid on the *Empress of Russia* on Wednesday was heard before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, when a Chinese who had voyaged on the liner from Canada pleaded guilty to the possession of 2 revolvers, 1 rifle, and 350 rounds of ammunition.

A fine of \$1,000 was imposed, with 12 months' hard labour in default.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## NATIONAL MUSIC.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Unfortunately we have no one with the pen and musical insight of Ernest Newman, otherwise there would surely have been an onslaught on some of the contentions—mainly implied—in your yesterday's leading article. To suggest that because a thing is popular it is therefore good is absurd. To suggest that the music in Sullivan's operas is more or less super-excellent is another absurdity. There is as much mediocrity in "The Gondoliers" as was evinced by a street organ, and an examination of the score will soon prove it. "It has been said" that those who "strive after times" to-day are but the grammarians of music. Who said it and what are the facts upon which such a sweeping assertion is made? Are such men as Elgar, Ireland, Stravinsky, Holst, Harty, and a host of others, mere grammarians? The fact is that such a wealth of tradition has surrounded the Gilbert and Sullivan combination as to hide the weakness of most of the music. At the most it is "understood of the people"—it creates a sense of lightness—and at that finishes—a considerable achievement I admit. All Sullivan's real contribution to music is unhonoured and now almost unsung. Where are some of his cantatas and wholly admirable songs? These are—to quote the writer of the article "different to the typically English productions of Sullivan." And by being different from them they stand out better and free from alloy.

To say that Chinese music is not delightful is also absurd. Some Chinese music, to the Western mind is terrible. On the other hand, some is exceedingly interesting, and has moved at least one eminent composer to emulation.—Yours, etc.

## AN APPRENTICE.

Hongkong, March 26th, 1925.

## CANTON NEWS.

## [FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.] TAXES ON IMPORTED MERCHANDISE.

Kerosene oil at Canton, which at present is wholly imported, is now to bear an additional tax like many other imported articles, such as cement, alcohol, rubber, and the like. The Bureau for the Inspection of Kerosene Oil for the Province of Kwangtung, a newly created office, on March 24th, called upon all dealers in kerosene oil to report their addresses and take out in advance revenue stamps to be affixed on cans upon sale. A stamp of 20 cents is required for every can of five gallons. Payment is to be in Chinese national currency, or local Canton subsidiary coins at a fixed discount of 25 per cent. Failure to attach revenue stamps of the amount required will render the dealer liable to a fine ten times the stipulated duty, besides the confiscation of the goods seized. Persons accepting improperly stamped or unstamped kerosene oil are liable to be fined five times the amount of the tax. The native dealers and agents have asked foreign importers of kerosene oil to lodge a protest with the authorities against the stamp duty requirements on the ground that this taxation over and above Customs import duty and the like taxes payable on import is unlawful.

## AN EFFECT OF THE WARFARE.

Nothing connected with the present guerilla warfare in Kwangtung Province seems to cause so much annoyance to the large body of well-to-do Cantonese as the threatened shortage of cut-tobacco from Fukien. Many Chinese ladies as well as gentlemen are accustomed to use this tobacco silver-shining water pipes which are to be found together with ten sets in the homes of well-to-do Chinese. This cut-tobacco, a popular production of Fukien, has long found its way to Canton, from Yungting, by way of Swatow.

More than 400 farm women, many of them carrying babies on their backs, some with small flags in hand bearing their grievances in bold characters, paraded from the West Gate of Canton to Government House at noon on March 24th, praying for the repeal of the new tax on sucking pigs, which the farmers change with one another mainly for raising purposes. The Commissariat of Finance has imposed a war tax ranging from 20 to 80 cents on every sucking pig that changes hands. The tax is farmed out for collection, and according to the *Canton Republic* of March 25th, the militarists calculate on receiving but \$5,000 annually from the tax collector, while the latter is reckoned to profit to the extent of \$80,000 and perhaps more.

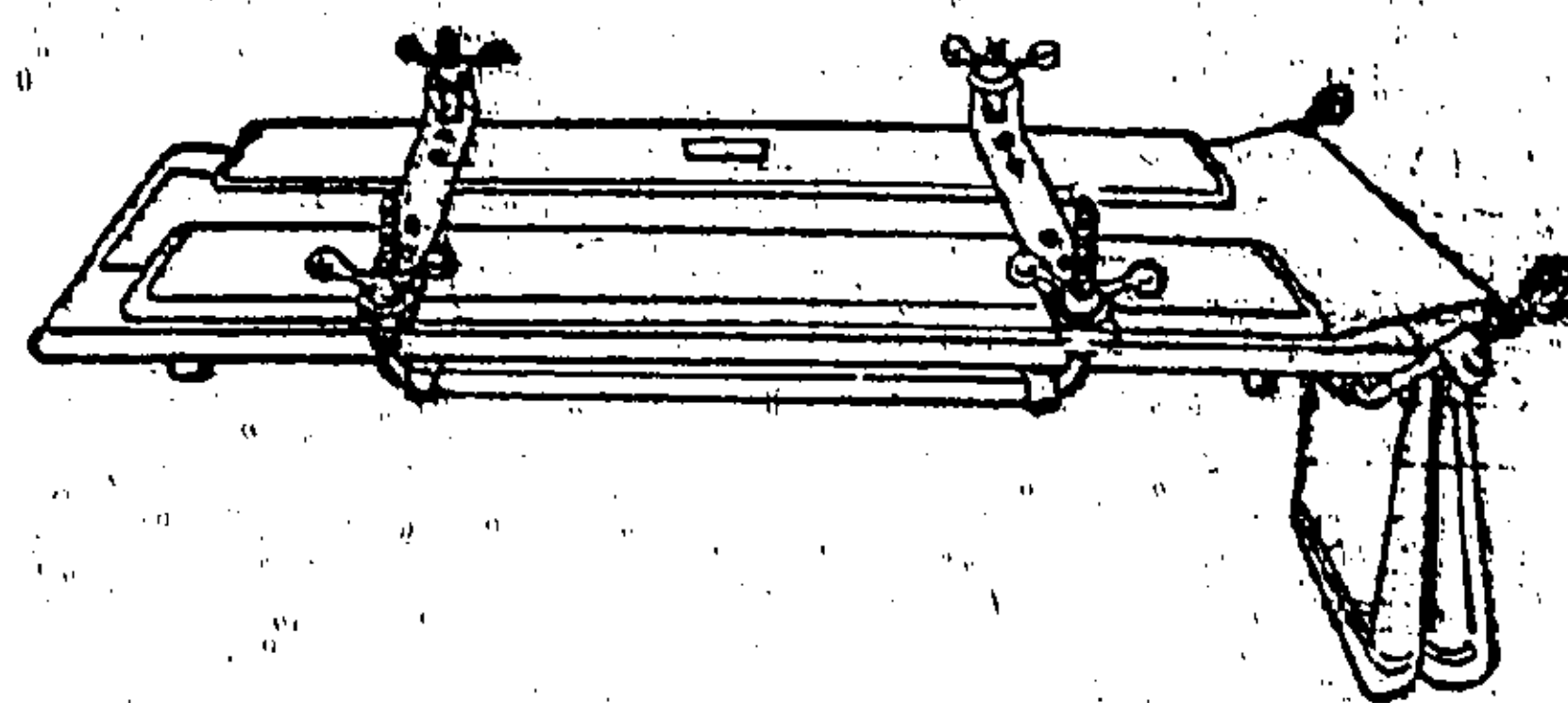
## A BUTCHERS' STRIKE AT CANTON.

According to the Pork Trade Guild of Canton, more than 200 butcher shops are involved in the present suspension of trade as a protest against abuses alleged to be created by officers of the Municipal Department of Public Health. While there is every disposition on the part of the public to welcome vigorous prosecution of butchers who keep their shops and stands in an unsanitary state, the vernacular press sympathise with the butchers' reasons for the present suspension of trade. The contention of the meat market guilds is that inspectors, when seizing articles for inspection purposes and chemical analysis should take only a small piece back to the Department of Public Health laboratory and not carry away pounds of sausages to their own kitchens and test them in their own stomachs. In the recent campaign against impure food in Canton, the butchers call it a financial campaign for raising funds for the Health Department expenses owing to the failure of the Municipality to appropriate money regularly for its maintenance—more than 100 butchers shops were fined and about \$9,500 realized. The butchers thereupon, on March 24th, decided to suspend business temporarily, as a protest. The Mayor of Canton, however, has been good enough to assure the butchers that he will look into their complaint.

With their own decision to serve no more fish on account of a dispute between the Fish Market Guild and the Waiters and Cooks Union in Canton, the Canton restaurants may have to close down entirely until the butchers open for business. Without fish and meat, the larger restaurants in Canton, with their heavy overhead expenses, cannot well compete with the noodle and soup-eating places.

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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

3RD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on the 11th and 13th APRIL, 1925.  
ALTERED CONDITIONS.—FIRST DAY—TWICKENHAM HANDICAP AND ESTHER HANDICAP. 2ND, 3RD, 6TH AND 8TH RACES NO JOCKEY ALLOWANCE.

## FOOTBALL.

## SHIELD FINALS.

## JUNIOR GAME

KOWLOON v. SURREYS.

KICK OFF 2.45 P.M.

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POLICE v. KOWLOON.

KICK OFF 4.30 P.M.

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NOTICE is hereby given by Order of the Danish Probate Court for China—  
The Final Accounts in the above Estate as passed by this Court are now filed with the Royal Danish Consulate at Canton, where they will be open for inspection by Creditors for 2 weeks from this date.  
Dated the 24th day of March, 1925.  
WALLACE J. HANSEN,  
Royal Danish Consul,  
Canton.

## NOTICE.

WHEREAS all those the premises known as No. 105, WING LOK STREET, and built on the remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 135, have been leased by the owners the LEE POOK SHING COMPANY to the LEE YUEN TUNG COMPANY, under and by virtue of an agreement for a lease written in the Chinese language and dated the 18th day of the 3rd Moon in the Kai To year (21st April, 1924). And whereas the rent reserved by the said agreement is in arrears and remains unpaid and due as from the 18th day of the said 3rd Moon Year (10th February, 1925). And whereas due demand has been made for the said rent accordingly to law.  
And whereas the tenants the said LEE YUEN TUNG COMPANY, have ceased to remain in possession of the said premises locked them up and to all intents and purposes appear to have abandoned the possession thereof.  
And whereas the owners under the circumstances infer that the tenants have abandoned the said premises and the Owners will re-enter and take possession of the same on the 30th day of March, 1925, and treat the conduct of the said tenants as indicative of their intention to surrender the said premises as by operation of Law unless the said tenants give Notice to the contrary on or before the said 30th day of March, 1925.  
This Notice is given by the Owners of the above Premises the LEE POOK SHING COMPANY, of No. 100, Queen's Road East, Victoria, Hongkong.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

WE THE INDO-CHINA S. N. CO., LTD., of Hongkong, hereby give Notice that in consequence of the purpose of Uniformity in Naming the Steamers of the Co.'s fleet, we have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "BARBEMORE" of Liverpool, Official Number 14927 of Gross Tonnage, 5,448.55 tons. Register Tonnage 3,327.59 tons, heretofore owned by The Messrs. JOHNSON LIME-MEASURES, FURNACE WHISKY & CO., General Managers, LIVERPOOL, for the permission to change her Name to "KUMSANG," and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of HONGKONG, as owned by the INDO-CHINA S. N. CO., LTD., Hongkong.  
Any Objections to the Proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at HONGKONG within Seven Days from the Appearance of this Advertisement.  
Dated at Hongkong, this 21st day of March, 1925.  
(Signed) JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
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## INTIMATIONS

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1925.

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1925, at 11 A.M.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.  
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1925.

## THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the General Agents, PRINCE STREET, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.  
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 29th MARCH, 1925, (both days inclusive).  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, PRINCE STREET, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1925.

## HONGKONG ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, TAYLOR & CO. ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, HONGKONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of APRIL, 1925, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 3rd APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
S. COURNEY COOK,  
Secretary.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL, PEDDER STREET, HONGKONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1925, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the Appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1925, until WEDNESDAY, the 8th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board,  
J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
Acting Secretary.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 11th, and MONDAY, 13th APRIL, 1925 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, HONGKONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.  
Entries will Close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on SATURDAY, 28th MARCH, 1925.

## BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE HONGKONG BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP has now commenced at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB. CHARGES of ADMISSION to the Preliminary are: Club Members and Soldiers and Sailors 25 cents; Non-Members of the V.R.C. 50 cents.  
The First Session commences at 6 o'clock each Evening.

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## INTIMATIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 1925,  
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LAMBERT BROTHERS,  
By Appointment to the Admiralty,  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1925.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1925, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND near Kellett Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Kine, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.		Boundary Measurements.		Area.		Area.	
No. of Lots.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Area.	Area.	Area.	Area.	Area.
1	Lot 1, Kellett Bay, near Kellett Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Kine, for one further term of 75 years.	1.000.000	1.000.000	1.000.000	1.000.000	1.000.000	1.000.000

## THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to CHU KWONG LAY of 312, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4444 and dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1423 to 1429, both inclusive, and 7103 has been LOST or DESTROYED, and Notice is hereby Given that if within Thirty Days from the date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates.  
Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.  
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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 27th, 1925.

## THE "IMPERIAL" AND "NOT THE "COLONIAL" OFFICE.

We see that the Imperial Government has under its consideration the question of changing the name of the Colonial Office to that of the Imperial Office, and, as a consequence, the name of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to that of Secretary of State for Imperial Affairs. These proposals arise, of course, out of the growing dislike of the self-governing Dominions to the existing designations so far as they apply to themselves. Statesmen in Great Britain have long since abandoned the habit of speaking of the great self-governing Dominions of the Empire as "Colonies," and it has become something of an anachronism that the Minister in the Imperial Government who is constantly in communication with the Governments of these Dominions should continue to be styled the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The time seems to have arrived when both the Office and its occupant should be rechristened. It should not take the Imperial Government long to decide this question if it stands alone, but possibly the consideration of this subject involves the consideration of a subject of a much wider character, involving perhaps a re-organization of the Office. We recollect, for instance, that when Mr. CHURCHILL was at the Colonial Office a few years ago he was working on an important scheme for the reorganization of the administration of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates, designed to give them among other things, a greater amount of autonomy. The main proposals of the scheme then under consideration were the grouping of the various Crown Colonies, according to their geographical position under "High Commissioners," to whose shoulders would be transferred some of the duties and responsibilities, especially in the way of public appointments and concerning financial problems

—which now devolve upon the Secretary of State. Incidentally, it may be remarked that the plan as it was foreshadowed in *The Times* contained no mention of Hongkong, Ceylon, Seychelles, the Straits Settlements and Mauritius were to be under a High Commissioner at Port Louis. The Falkland Islands, the Fiji Islands and "all other Crown possessions in the Pacific" were to have their High Commissioner at Suva. Presumably Hongkong was included in the phrase "all other Crown possessions in the Pacific." Or there might have been some idea of giving the Minister at Peking control over Hongkong. That suggestion, we believe, was made by the late Lord Curzon in his book on "The Problems of the Far East." At a later date somebody made the suggestion that the Governor of Hongkong, in so far as Canton and other Southern treaty ports are concerned, should take over the duties and responsibility of the Minister in Peking. What exactly was to become of Hongkong under Mr. CHURCHILL's scheme, we believe, was never indicated in the reports of it that were published at the time. The whole scheme was heralded as likely to prove a substantial reform, though in what was published regarding it, we found a difficulty in discovering the grounds for such optimism. Nothing came of the scheme, however, though it now occurs to us that as the Government is considering the advisability of having an "Imperial Office" instead of a "Colonial Office," and a "Secretary of State for Imperial Affairs" instead of a "Secretary of State for the Colonies," it is not unlikely that consideration will be given at the same time to some such scheme as Mr. CHURCHILL suggested for the reorganization of the administration of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates.

During the journey from Southampton, via Singapore, to Hongkong, there was one case of measles on board the *a.s. Glenagair Castle*.  
It is stated that direct wireless communication between Canton and Swatow will be established by the military authorities in a few days.  
Police officers who made a search on the *Empress of Russia* found a revolver and 150 rounds of ammunition in a cabin. No arrests were made.  
The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on March 25th shows 1 case each of enteric and cerebro-spinal fever, both Chinese.

When the *President Madison*, arrived in port, from Seattle, the master reported that a Chinese passenger, aged 46 years, had died from abscess of the liver.  
The General Officer Commanding the Forces in China will inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on the Murray Parade Ground on Friday, April 17th.

Mr. P. E. H. Marsh, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Marsh, of Shanghai, won the recent inter-University boxing contest for Oxford against Cambridge, in the heavy-weights class.  
When a waterpipe, which was being repaired by fitters, burst on Wednesday, one of the fragments struck a rickshaw coolie who was passing. He had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The *Eastern Times* says that the American Consul-General at Tientsin has lodged a protest with the Chinese authorities against the searching of American citizens in the streets by Fengtien troops.  
Two derelict junks were sighted by the British steamer, *Wing Hong*, which has just arrived from Hongay. The position of one was Lat. 20.6 N. Long. 111.4 E., and that of the other, Lat. 20.9 N. Long. 110.5 E.

The attention of owners is called to a Hongkong Jockey Club advertisement in this issue. In the Twickenham and Esther Handicaps (both A and B classes) there will be no Jockey Allowance, as advertised in the original programme.  
The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. David Edgar Morgan to Miss Ethel Martha Smith, nurse at the Government Civil Hospital; Mr. Daniel Jesus Ribeiro, of the Hongkong Electric Company, to Miss Agnes Jesus Fernandes, of No. 2, Garden Terrace.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the two-days athletic meeting of the Royal Artillery, which was to have taken place yesterday and to-day on the United Services Recreation Club Ground, Kowloon, has been postponed until further notice.  
According to a Washington radio message to Manila papers the six new gunboats authorised by the U.S. Congress recently for service in China, owing to the disturbed conditions, will be built in the Orient, because it would be inconvenient to send them across the Pacific.

A notice placed in the Harbour Office informs mariners that a small trading junk is sunk at Wanchai in the vicinity of Belcher Ridge. There are two feet of mast showing above the water and a light sampan has been anchored near, flying a red flag by day and showing a red light by night.  
The tenth annual sports of Queen's College were to have been held on the College Ground, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon, but owing to the rain, the function was postponed until to-day, if fine. If it is wet this afternoon, the meeting will be further postponed until Monday afternoon.

A new Sugar Company has just been incorporated in the Philippines, called the Luzon Sugar Co. Its authorised capital is P.250,000 of which P.135,500 have been subscribed. Messrs. Wm. H. Anderson, R. Rendon Kind, W. G. Hall, A. S. Heyward and Wm. H. Reynolds are the incorporators and directors.  
Jean Nicoli, a French citizen, was arrested at the Hotel Italia, Range Road, Shanghai, at 1 a.m. last Saturday by police of the French and International Settlements armed with a warrant approved by the Italian Consulate. The arrest was made in connection with the seizure of 11 automatic pistols and 1,283 rounds of ammunition.

Something in the nature of a sensation has been caused in Chinese business circles by a notice issued to shareholders of M. Y. Sun and Company, Limited, calling an extraordinary general meeting to be held at the registered offices of the Company at No. 94, Queen's Road Central, on Thursday, April 2nd, for the purpose of considering, and, if deemed expedient, passing, a resolution voluntarily to wind up the Company, which by reason of its liabilities cannot continue its business. The Company is well-known throughout the East as manufacturers of biscuits and confectionery. It has also carried on a banking business. The capital of the Company is given as \$3,000,000.

**WEDDING.**  
**HARCOURT—SAUL.**  
The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, of Capt. Alexander Vernon Harcourt, of Shanghai, and Miss Ilma Saul, who arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Australia. Capt. Harcourt is a master mariner in the employ of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harcourt, of Tasmanian, while Miss Saul is the daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Saul, of Fredericton, McLeay River, N.S.W.  
The bride was given away by Mr. L. Rose, and Capt. Winkler acted as best man. The Rev. T. B. Powell officiated. There were no bridesmaids.  
The bride and bridegroom are leaving for Shanghai shortly.

**LAUNCH SUNK.**  
**LANE CRAWFORD'S VESSEL IN COLLISION.**  
At ten minutes past four yesterday afternoon the launch *Li Sang* collided with the launch *Madge* belonging to Lane and Crawford, Ltd., off Green Island. The *Madge* was sunk, but fortunately no lives were lost.

**STAR THEATRE.**  
**MADELINE ROSSITER COMPANY AGAIN PLEASES.**  
Despite the wet weather, there was another very large audience at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night, when the popular Madeline-Rossiter Company presented another very excellent programme. Last night's entertainment was styled "Pierrot Pie," and very tasty it proved in the form of a comedy salad with musical dressing. If anything it was even a more interesting programme than that of the previous night. The feature of the entertainment was again the comedy and dance element. To-night's performance "Flares and Flashes," should prove equally attractive.



## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.  
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE ROYAL CRUISE.

KING AND QUEEN ENJOY ITALIAN SUNSHINE.

LONDON, March 25th.

Escorted by H.M.S. destroyers *Fendetta* and *Vomper*, the Royal Yacht is cruising off the West coast of Italy. Their Majesties are enjoying sunny skies. They landed at Leghorn and visited Pisa. They also disembarked at Castellammare and visited Pompei. Everywhere they were ovated. They will spend three days at Castellammare, from there visiting Naples, Sorrento and Capri.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## DUNLOP RUBBER CO.

LARGER NET PROFITS MADE LAST YEAR.

LONDON, March 25th.

The Dunlop Rubber Company's report shows that the net profits for the year ended December 31st were £1,300,000, compared with £1,020,000 the previous eighteen months.

Six hundred thousand sterling is transferred to the general reserve, £175,000 is absorbed in dividends on the preference shares and £525,000 is carried forward.

## GERMANY AND LEAGUE.

BERLIN MAINTAINS ORIGINAL ATTITUDE.

BERLIN, March 25th.

It is authoritatively stated that there is no truth in the report that Germany is prepared to enter the League of Nations unconditionally. On the contrary, the Government maintains its original attitude on the matter.

Hitherto only a few Nationalist newspapers have commented on Mr. Chamberlain's speech of yesterday, none favourably.

The *Boersche Zeitung* attacks Herr Stresemann's security pact proposals and declares that any treaty made will remain a scrap of paper to the Opposition. The *Deutsche Zeitung* is of opinion that Herr Stresemann's failure makes his resignation essential.

## FRENCH VIEWS.

PARIS, March 25th.

The newspapers welcome the cordiality of Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons, but regret that Britain opposes an Anglo-Franco-Belgian pact, for which the other proposal is deemed an inadequate substitute.

They admit the expediency of following up the proposals, but insist that first of all Germany must enter the League as a token of good faith, also that there be a preliminary settlement of the disarmament question.

*Le Temps* utters a warning against slipping into a revision of the Treaty of Versailles. *La Liberté* declares that the German pact idea is merely a parliamentary expedient.

## FRENCH TRAIN DISASTER.

FIVE PERSON KILLED IN SMASH NEAR POITIERS.

POITIERS, March 25th.

No Britisher was killed in the accident to the Bordeaux express, but a Londoner was among the injured.

The accident was due to breakage of a coupling as the train reached a viaduct over a narrow, deep river.

The leading carriage, exclusively first-class, toppled over the viaduct, and fell with a crash across the river. Two carriages fell atop of this one. The passengers in the first carriage were extricated with the greatest difficulty from the wreckage, into which the river was pouring.

A party of soldiers from disciplinary regiments in Morocco, who were on board the train, were most helpful in the rescue work, carrying the passengers out on their backs.

It is estimated that altogether five persons were killed and 23 injured in the derailment.

## OIL EXPLOSION.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED IN HAMBURG HARBOUR.

BERLIN, March 25th.

Eleven men were killed and two are missing as a result of a terrific explosion in an oil tanker in Hamburg harbour, apparently caused by reparation using oxygen blowers before the tank was emptied of gas.

So tremendous was the explosion that the victims and a half-ton anchor were hurled hundreds of yards over house-roofs.

## MOURNING IN JERUSALEM.

LORD BALFOUR TO OPEN HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

JERUSALEM, March 25th.

Lord Balfour has arrived to open the Hebrew University on April 1st. He is the guest of the High Commissioner.

The Arabs, both Mohammedan and Christian, have closed their shops and ceased work. Signs of mourning are being displayed. Other boycott plans include a refusal to give Lord Balfour access to the holy places, the printing of black borders in the newspapers, and the holding of protest prayer meetings. The Government has temporarily closed the Government training college, where students struck on account of the visit. These demonstrations are due to Lord Balfour's famous after war declaration of support to Zionism.

## LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

VICTORY FOR WINNER OF FRENCH "TWO THOUSAND."

LONDON, March 25th.

The following is the result of the race for the Lincolnshire Handicap, one mile:

Tapin, 55 lbs. (Donoghue) 1

Grave Fairy, 65 lbs. 2

King Willow, 75 lbs. 3

Tapin, the winner of the French "Two Thousand" last year, won by 4 lengths. Half a length separated second and third. Twenty-six started.

## STARTING PRICES.

Tapin 9-1 agst.

Grave Fairy 33-1 agst.

King Willow 40-1 agst.

In mid week Tapin was favourite at 14-1 agst. Grave Fairy was 33-1, as was King Willow.

## FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST MATCHES IN CUP AND LEAGUE.

LONDON, March 25th.

Latest English football League results are:-

Third Division (South):

Brighton 4, Aldershot 1.

Bournemouth 1, Exeter 1.

Third Division (North):

Hartlepool 2, Nelson 0.

Scottish League results are:-

Queen's Park 2, Falkirk 0.

Raith 0, Rangers 4.

## CUP REPLAY.

On the Scottish Cup semi-final being replayed, Dundee beat Hamilton by 2 to nil, at Edinburgh.

## 'VARSITY GOLF.

OXFORD DEFEAT CAMBRIDGE BY 9-6.

LONDON, March 25th.

At Hunsdon, in the Inter-Varsity golf contest Oxford beat Cambridge by nine matches to six.

## WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.

MR. J. H. THOMAS TO CARE FOR SMALL TERRITORIES.

LONDON, March 25th.

Mr. J. H. Thomas specially represents the small Colonies, Protectorates, and mandated territories on the board of the British Empire Exhibition.

## WALSH ISLAND DOCK.

SYDNEY, March 25th.

It is reported that the New South Wales Government has offered to build a floating dock at Walsh Island.

## LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## STATUS OF GERMANY.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH PLEASES AMERICAN PRESS.

NEW YORK, March 25th.

The newspapers are satisfied with Mr. Austen Chamberlain's speech.

*The New York Times* is of opinion that if his hope of Germany's sincerity for peace is realized, the speech will be epoch-making. The critical question is Germany's unwillingness to give up hope of modification of the Treaty of Versailles with regard to her Eastern frontiers; but it is noteworthy that Germany is willing to accept arbitration on this point.

*The Herald Tribune* and *World* emphasize that Britain has frankly recognized that Germany must resume her authority and dignity as an equal among the nations.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## JAPAN AND AMERICA.

EXCLUSION PROBLEM TO BE AGAIN OPENED.

NEW YORK, March 25th.

Mr. Tanaka Matsudaira, Japanese Ambassador, in a speech before the Japan Society, intimated his intention, when an opportune moment arrives, to reopen the question of the exclusion of Japanese from America.

He expressed the opinion that the substantial evidences of Japo-American friendship gave hope that the time would come when the question would be settled satisfactorily to both countries.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## POLITICS IN JAPAN.

SITUATION IS DESCRIBED AS INCREASINGLY TENSE.

TOKYO, March 25th.

The House of Peers has passed the Reform Bill, modified by themselves after agreement with the Government; and is now discussing the suffrage Bill, as to which the Diet session (which should have ended to-day) has been prolonged one day, to enable a decision to be reached.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

## BUDGET IS ACCEPTED.

TOKYO, March 25th.

The Budget was accepted by the Lower House on an explanation by the Peers that the amendment was proposed purely on technical grounds and was not directed as a vote of censure on the Minister of Education.

## TENSE SITUATION.

The tenseness of the present political situation has been increased by the fact that normally to-day is the last day of the current session, which, it is now reported, may be prolonged to enable the Government to come to some arrangement with the Peers regarding the major question of universal suffrage and the reform of the Upper House.

With the Budget settled, the suffrage move looms more important. The Peers' committee have already approved of certain amendments to the suffrage measure, one of which eliminates from the franchise any male who is dependent upon others for support, while another extends the residential qualification from six months to a twelvemonth.

Should the House adopt the committee's changes, the Bill must be returned to the Representatives in the Lower House, where it is anticipated the amendments will be rejected, resulting in a deadlock.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## ROOSEVELT EXPEDITION.

DIFFICULTIES ARE ALL NOW OVERCOME.

WASHINGTON, March 25th.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt announces that he and his brother Kermit will sail on April 11th for India. They hope to leave Kashmir about the middle of May.

He adds that all difficulties have now been obviated. The British Government and the Viceroy have been very kind and helpful, and have extended them every courtesy in the matter of their big game expedition to Turkestan.

## DISARMAMENT.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE HOLDS CONFERENCES.

WASHINGTON, March 25th.

Mr. Stearns, intimate friend of President Coolidge, sails to-morrow on a two months' tour of Europe. The trip has aroused much interest in diplomatic circles, though Mr. Stearns says it is not connected with international politics.

Mr. Coolidge to-day conferred with Mr. Borah and the Senate Foreign Committee in connection with the projected disarmament conference. Mr. Borah was heartily sympathetic, though dubious as to whether the situation in Europe at present is conducive to success.

## TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

The State Department has instructed the American representatives all over the world, including the Orient, to ascertain the facts regarding the traffic in arms, which might be helpful to the United States in view of the proposed conference at Geneva.

## POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

## CONFERENCE AT MUKDEN.

RUSSIAN AND CHINESE DISCUSS C.E.R. PROBLEMS.

PEKING, March 25th.

A conference is beginning to-day at Mukden between the representatives of Mukden and the Soviet for the purpose of discussing the Chinese Eastern Railway and the river Sungari problems, and also probably the question of the frontiers of Manchuria and Mongolia.

## SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY.

SHANGHAI, March 25th.

With reference to the reports that the Shanghai-Nanking Railway rolling-stock is being brought to the Tsingpu Railway, it is understood that there is no likelihood of any being transferred across the river at present.

## REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

GOVERNMENT ASKS IT TO TACKLE PROVINCIAL PROBLEM.

PEKING, March 25th.

The Government have despatched a Memorandum to the Reorganisation Conference, which is holding informal meetings in Peking, as regards the reorganising of a national financial re-adjustment committee to settle the problems between the Central Government and the Provinces.

## GRAND NATIONAL.

LIST OF ENTRIES WITH WEIGHTS.

The Grand National Steeplechase (about 4 miles 856 yards) takes place over the Aintree course at Liverpool this afternoon. Below will be found the list of horses entered with the weights allotted by the handicapper, and the betting, in mail week, arranged in alphabetical order:-

LIST OF ENTRIES.

Silver, 12st. 7lb. Taffytus, 10.9

Gerald, 11.13 Gracious Gift, 10.8

Conjuror II, 11.7 Duke's Walk, 10.6

Creak II, 11.5 Upper Radduff, 10.4

Sunbeam, 11.4 Ballymacree, 10.3

Rathorey, 11.3 All White, 10.0

Spring, 11.2 John V., 10.0

Patsy V., 10.19 Tullyloft, 10.0

His Luck, 10.10 Jack Homer, 10.0

Ruddy glow, 10.9 Music Hall, 10.0

Thrown In, 10.8 Fly Mask, 11.1

Keep Cool, 10.7 Ballynede, 11.6

Colestown, 10.5 Gorey, 11.5

Pencoe, 10.3 Royal Chancellor, 11.3

Rousham, 10.0 Aileen, 11.2

Cryptical, 10.0 Winnall, 11.0

Peter the Piper, 10.0 Annanall, 10.10

Miscellaneous, 10.0 Double Chance, 10.9

James Pigg, 10.0 Madrigal, 10.8

Akazar, 12.0 Dwarf of the Forest, 10.8

Old Tray Bridge, 11.12

Sergeant Murphy, 10.8

Max, 11.5 Mainsail, 10.5

White Surrey, 11.4 Drifter, 10.3

Ben Cruchan, 11.2 Soldier Bill, 10.0

Aravale, 11.0 L'Aiglon II, 10.0

The Blenker, 10.12 Prudhomme, 10.0

Punt Gun, 10.9 Ballinvalley, 10.0

Gardenshire, 10.0

## BETTING ON FEBRUARY 14TH.

25 Akazar 100

25 All White 100

40 Annanall 20

30 Ardree 20

33 Arravale 20

66 Bleke 20

66 Ballinvalley 20

14 Ballinade 20

25 B'macree 20

20 B. Cruchan 20

300 Colestown 20

10 Conjuror II 20

100 Cryptical 20

25 D. Chance 20

33 Drifter 20

100 D. Walk 20

50 D. of Forest 20

20 Eureka II 20

10 Fly Mask 20

50 Gardenshire 20

20 Gerald L. 20

25 Gorey 20

66 Gracious Gift 20

33 His Luck 20

66 Jack H'm'r 20

66 James Pigg 20

100 John V. 20

33 Keep Cool 20

25 L'Aiglon 20

100 Madrigal 20

30 Mainsail 20

20 Max 20

25 Miscellaneous 20

20 Music Hall 20

40 O. T. Bridge 20

16 Patsy V. 20

20 Peacock 20

50 Peter the P. 20

66 Prudhomme 20

33 Punt Gun 20

16 Radduff 20

100 Rousham 20

33 R. Chancel 20

40 Ruddy glow 20

14 S. Murphy 20

50 Silver 20

66 Soldier Bill 20

25 Spring 20

25 Super Man 20

20 Taffytus 20

30 Thrown In 20

50 U. Radduff 20

20 Winnall 20

33 White Surrey 20

## GENERAL "X."

## ANOTHER REMARKABLE TRIAL.

Another extraordinary case in which the identity of one of the principal dramatic personae was veiled under the title "General X," only to be subsequently revealed in the course of the proceedings, is at present being heard in the High Court, says a London message.

The case is one in which Mrs. Dennistoun is suing her divorced husband, Colonel Ian Oswald Dennistoun, of the Grenadier Guards, who in 1923 married Alpinia, widow of the Earl of Carnarvon, for sums amounting to £200, which she lent him, and £10, which she borrowed for his request. Plaintiff alleged that for the sake of promoting her husband's career, and with his connivance, she sacrificed herself to a General. The Judge at to-day's hearing suggested that it would be better if "X's" name were mentioned, in order to dispel suspicion upon others. Accordingly, plaintiff said that the General in question was the late Sir John Cowans, the former Quartermaster-General.

Lieut. Colonel Dennistoun, denied such an undertaking and alleged that Mrs. Dennistoun was guilty of misconduct. Lieut. Col. Dennistoun, who is 45 years of age, was educated at Eton, and entered the army in 1900. He was A.D.C. to Sir William Manning in Jamaica, in 1912-14, and served in the South African and the Great War. He was married in 1910, and was divorced eleven years later, subsequently marrying the widow of the 5th Earl of Carnarvon, who died during his work of excavation in connection with the tomb of Tutankhamen.

## SAFEGUARDING OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. BALDWIN AND HIS PLEDGE.

NO PROTECTION BY THE BACK DOOR.

The debate in the House of Commons on February 18th, on the Government plans for safeguarding industries, as outlined in the White Paper of February 3rd, had been disappointing, wrote a Parliamentary correspondent.

No fresh facts of importance have emerged, and the Socialist attack throughout, though not lacking in theatrical vigour, sounded trivial and unreal.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Soc., Aberavon), who opened it, had only committed his party on the order paper to a very vague negative resolution—that the Government's policy "must lead to a system of general tariffs which will not enlarge the volume of trade and safeguard the interests of the workers."

His attack showed a lack of appreciation of the proposals of the White Paper. He demanded to be told why the Government were not proceeding with their plans by means of Bill, apparently unmindful of the fact that after the procedure of inquiry into industries by the Board of Trade and a committee, as laid down in the White Paper, any safeguarding duties proposed are to be presented to Parliament in a Finance Bill.

He complained of "vague phrases and indeterminate adjectives" in the White Paper—a "substantial" amount of unemployment, a "substantial" threat to the existence of an industry—what did such words mean? He declared:

"We on the Labour side of the House do not regard Free Trade as something that of itself solves all social problems, but as between Free Trade and Protection we are convinced that as a policy of internal construction, as a policy that will build up labour, the consumers, and the mass of the producers to a stronger position by evolutionary process, Free Trade is preferable to Tariff Reform."

For half an hour he attacked in detail the grounds of appeal given to an industry asking for safeguards—depreciation of currency, subsidies, or swarted labour conditions in the competing country.

The industry most hit by sweated labour was that of agriculture, which was excluded from the right of safeguard. But on the whole the industries that would be able to apply for safeguards because of sweating abroad were so inconsiderable that it was hardly worth considering the question on those lines. Fluctuation of exchanges was certainly a serious matter both for the importer and exporter, but the proposals now put forward would not help the home manufacturer to deal with it. As to foreign bounties and subsidies, so far from damaging our trade, they had in the long run actually improved it.

Mr. MacDonald maintained that, in spite of the pledges given, the proposals now under discussion were really a means of introducing a Protectionist policy. "Experimental escapades with British industry," was his concluding description of the Government's policy.

## PARLIAMENT TO DECIDE.

The Prime Minister's reply was remarkably brief. Mr. Baldwin was on his feet for but 20 minutes, and concluded so suddenly that hardly anyone in the House realised that he had finished.

In effect his attitude was that, no fresh argument having been advanced, there was no need for him to say anything in reply, but he made some play with Mr. MacDonald's complaint of the non-inclusion of the proposals in a Bill.

Members who were in the House at the time of the passage of the last Safeguarding of Industries Bill would remember that it dragged its slow length along for days. They had an infinity of discussion, and in the event there proved to be no effective control of Parliament over the taxation or duty it was proposed to put on.

"I remember," said Mr. Baldwin, "how Mr. Lloyd George, who was unable to be regularly in his place, deputised me as a kind of Moses to lead his children out of the bondage of foreign competition through the gates of safeguarding. And when my strength showed signs of failing he sent me the aid of Aaron in the shape of Sir Alfred Mond." (Laughter.)

The earlier Safeguarding of Industries Bill gave the power of imposing duties to a Government department, thus taking away the authority of the House of Commons over taxation. The new proposals were specifically designed to restore that power.

## NO BACK-DOOR PROTECTION.

In their election programme the Government had said specifically, with regard to safeguarding, that they were not going to introduce Protection.

"We intend to carry out our pledge in the letter and in the spirit," he said. "I do not intend to use this as a means of introducing Protection. I abide with perfect loyalty to the decision the country gave a year ago. I am no more willing to try to introduce Protection by the back-door to-day than I was eighteen months or two years ago." (Ministerial cheers.)

When Protection comes, if it ever comes, it will not come through the back-door, although it may come from behind Mr. MacDonald. (Loud laughter.)

Sir John Simon (Lib., Spyn Valley) said that he was playing a similar part to that played by Mr. Balfour 22 years ago. The part played by Mr. Balfour was so brilliantly performed that notwithstanding the size of the Conservative majority, in three or four years that majority melted away. Mr. Churchill would remember it particularly well, because that was the last occasion when he left the Conservative Party. (Laughter.) He was sure that Mr. Churchill in his new position would strain every nerve to prevent history from repeating itself. (Laughter.) The scheme would open the

door to an endless series of taxes which when they were brought together, would be a general tariff.

Mr. Dalton (Soc., Peckham) said he would vote for the resolution moved by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald but without enthusiasm. They did not believe that Free Trade was any remedy for unemployment or for poverty.

Mr. Lloyd George (Lib., Carnarvon Boroughs) said that the Government's proposals had been received with disappointment in every quarter of the House. The Prime Minister had made some good points. One or two were at his (Mr. Lloyd George's) expense, and he was sorry that he missed that part. He was credibly informed that Moses never reached the Promised Land.

Mr. Lloyd George then explained at some length why he had been responsible for the introduction of the first Safeguarding of Industries Bill. At the time of its introduction there was a real apprehension that the depreciation of the exchanges would result in the dumping of goods in this country at prices with which we could not possibly compete. Experience had proved that that was a false apprehension.

"Having admitted my own mistake," continued Mr. Lloyd George amid laughter, "let me come to the mistakes of others, which I do with much greater alacrity and satisfaction. What was the justification for taking up the time of the House for discussing a number of separate Bills and industries? Trade was recovering slowly. (A Voice: "Where?")

## GERMAN EXPORTS.

To-day Germany was sending to this country between one-third and one-fourth of what she did before the war. Where then was the danger that threatened British industry? There was no cause for taking up the time of Parliament for disturbing industry, for introducing new elements of uncertainty into business. (Opposition cheers.)

Although he had said that there was a slow improvement, trade, he admitted, was in a very serious position. "Our customers were impoverished and could not buy. How could they be made to buy with the lash of tariffs? If tariffs were put on, foreign countries would only be able to buy less."

What Parliament ought to be discussing was the best means of developing our internal resources, and particularly agriculture.

Mr. Haden Guest (Soc., Southwark, N.), secretary of the Commonwealth group of the Labour Party, was in revolt against Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and attacked him in a somewhat remarkable speech. He regretted the absence of any constructive proposals in Mr. MacDonald's speech and disliked the negative character of the resolution.

Was the Labour Party's new slogan to be simply Liberalism tinged with pink? The party's trade policy ought to be something "practicable" between Protection on the one hand and *laissez faire* on the other. If safeguarding was the only policy for improving trade, then the House would approve it. Free Trade had been tried and had not cheapened commodities. In the absence of any constructive alternative to the proposals of the Government he proposed to vote for the Government.

Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, replying for the Government, said Mr. Lloyd George wanted to know what was the definition of the Government in regard to abnormal circumstances in comparison with the post-war and pre-war periods. In the ordinary case the standard would be the ratio of retained imports to production. Mr. Lloyd George had urged they ought to define the rate of duty in advance as was done in the Safeguarding of Industries Act. With that the Government could not agree. The country had returned to the Government by a large majority to carry out a particular policy, and it would be impossible to have fiscal debates every day.

He pointed out that France, Germany, and Belgium were all increasing their productive capacity. Great Britain therefore must also be prepared to take exceptional action.

Mr. Snowden (Soc., Colne, Valley) wound up the debate for the Opposition. The only grain of comfort for the Government had been that the Government had been able to get back to the point of view of Mr. Haden Guest, who made it plain that he meant to go back to Toryism. The greatest blunder of the world were made by honest men, and the honesty of the Prime Minister was becoming rather an expensive national asset.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motion was defeated by 335 votes to 148.

## MADAME TSAO KUN.

A GUEST AT CHANG TSO LIN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY?

According to a dispatch from Mukden, among the numerous guests who gathered there to tender their congratulations to Marshal Chang Tso Lin on his birthday, was Madame Tsao Kun. She represented the ex-President, who is related to Marshal Chang through the marriage of his son to the Mukden war lord's daughter. The mothers-in-law are on good terms and often paid social visits to each other, in spite of the political differences of their husbands. When Marshal Chang was in Tientsin, Madame Tsao Kun called on him to ask him to use his influence for the release of her husband. But she failed to gain her object. Taking advantage of Marshal Chang's birthday, she went to Mukden to offer her congratulations and at the same time to try once more to get the Marshal to use his good offices on her husband's behalf. When Marshal Chang learned of her coming he tried to stop her. But she had already arrived. The ladies of Marshal Chang's household were in favour of according her welcome. No special delegates and motor-cars were sent to the station to bring Madame Tsao and her retinue to Marshal Chang's residence. *Peking Daily News.*



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## PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
ISABEL RAMSAY.]

Paris, February 17th.

The latest sensation in Paris is the  
number of fashionable women to be seen  
smoking cigars. In the past Frenchwomen  
have contented themselves with sitting  
back and watching first, their Russian,  
then their English sisters indulging this  
vice of the weed; now, they have decided  
to adopt it as a habit themselves and,  
having decided this, to adopt it in its  
most virulent form. You will see them  
in all the fashionable haunts, the smart  
tea places, winter gardens, *dancings*,  
putting away at gilt-handled cigars, with,  
apparently the same relish as a mere man  
employs, and the same fine appreciation  
for brands. Up till now a legend existed  
which credited George Sand with a  
preference for cigars and, it was rare that  
this petty fact of her existence was not  
coupled with the name of the great writ-  
er every time it was mentioned. How  
it will pale into commonplace oblivion  
now that the modern Parisienne has  
copied her, in the most natural of man-  
ners. One wonders, seeing how this craze  
is catching on in the French capital, whether  
London will follow suit, or whether  
Englishwomen, having developed a taste  
for smoking that is long past the craze  
stage, will remain unmoved or whether  
they, too, in turn will lay aside their  
cherished cigarettes for special brands  
of Corona Coronas.

## SPRING TREASURES.

At last the milliners have opened the  
doors of their showrooms and revealed the  
treasures for Spring that lay behind.  
At last, we know what will be worn  
during the months ahead. Although  
many changes have been rung in on the  
new millinery, these are not so numerous  
or distinctive as to make the new hats  
really strikingly different to those we  
have been wearing during the past season.  
The small hat will remain. This,  
of course, is a concession to the bobbed  
and shingled heads in our midst, for  
how could one of these keep on a large  
hat without aid of the chignon and the  
hairpins? The square shaped crown has  
given place in these to high, rounded  
crowns and these in their turn, instead  
of having bows and cockades of ribbon  
perched right on the summit, now have  
bunches of flowers, and posies of leaves  
and colour as the hat. Chignons are trimmed  
with quaint metal motifs representing  
birds on the wing, animals, flowers and  
so forth. These are fitted with tiny holes  
at the edge and are sewn on round the  
crown of the hat. Another new idea  
in trimming just launched with the new  
Spring models is that of seaweed. This  
is dyed beautiful shades of red and  
for the real summer type of hat—hats  
brocade, and used mostly as a trimming  
with wider, drooping brims, net and  
lace hats. The pieces of seaweed are  
applied flatly to the upper surface of  
the brim and held in place by a layer  
of transparent net, tulle, or crepe.  
Georgette Gold cord, as an edging to  
a brim or a simple girdle tying the  
loose ends of the brim is another idea  
which is carried out on delicate straw  
hats such as crinoline, Milan and the  
like.

## FULLER SKIRTS.

There is not any distinctive difference  
in the silhouette of the new models now  
being shown by the big houses for next  
Spring. This will remain as slim as  
it has been for many seasons past, but  
a little extra fulling will be introduced  
by means of folds and pleats, concealed  
or otherwise at the side or sides of the  
skirt. Even the lightest weight of  
material will be so acceptable that  
this changeable time of the year, will  
have just an inch or two of added width.  
As to length, this a problem which  
everyone seems to be solving to her own  
individual satisfaction. The wide-skirted  
period frocks are being worn low down  
about the ankles; the straight silhouette  
of frocks of headed crepe, tulle and  
crisp tulle, about a few inches higher  
up, whilst the very latest of all frocks  
leave off at the knees. At a reception  
given last week at the Elysee in Paris,  
I noticed several girls wearing frocks  
which were no longer than this, so that,  
from the back (they had shingled hair,  
of course!) it was quite impossible to  
tell whether they were real grown up  
ladies or school girls of twelve or so.  
Moreover, these frocks were so narrow  
that a slit had been made at each side so as  
to allow the wearer enough space in  
which to walk, for the skirts themselves  
were not as much as a yard round. One  
model was saved from being quite so  
narrow by a circular flounce that allowed  
the wearer to move more freely. The  
Elysee and sunny, dancing haunts are  
not the only places where skirts so  
short are being worn, for, down on the  
Riviera the frocks that are being paraded  
along the Promenade des Anglais and the  
Terrace of the Casino at Monte  
Carlo are every bit as short. This is a  
very youthful line if you can wear it,  
but to do this the one must be so slim  
and willowy that a sylph would seem bulky  
in comparison.

## SHOULDER YOKES.

The shoulder yoke will be one of the  
features of the Spring fashions. It  
figures on all the new models and is  
certainly an improvement as it causes  
the dress to set better and adds a line  
of grace to shoulders and neck that the  
yokeless dress can never do. So far,  
these are tiny affairs that are more like  
shaped bands than deep, cumbersome  
things. Another feature will be the  
gradual disappearance of the sleeveless  
dress. All the models which are now  
being shown are fitted with sleeves.  
True, they are small, unobtrusive affairs  
for the present, but they represent the  
thin end of the wedge. Sometimes they  
are puffed, sometimes plain finished with  
a binding put on at the crown and some-  
times they are a little wider and sit  
down the outside so that the flaps fall  
back to reveal the arm underneath. These  
latter are for the woman who can't yet  
bring herself to break altogether with the  
idea of revealing the whiteness and charm  
of her arm. Evening dresses, however,  
in the full sense of the word, still con-  
tinue to remain sleeveless; it is the after-  
noon frocks, the dance and little dinner  
frocks that are adding unto themselves  
the luxury of a tiny sleeve.

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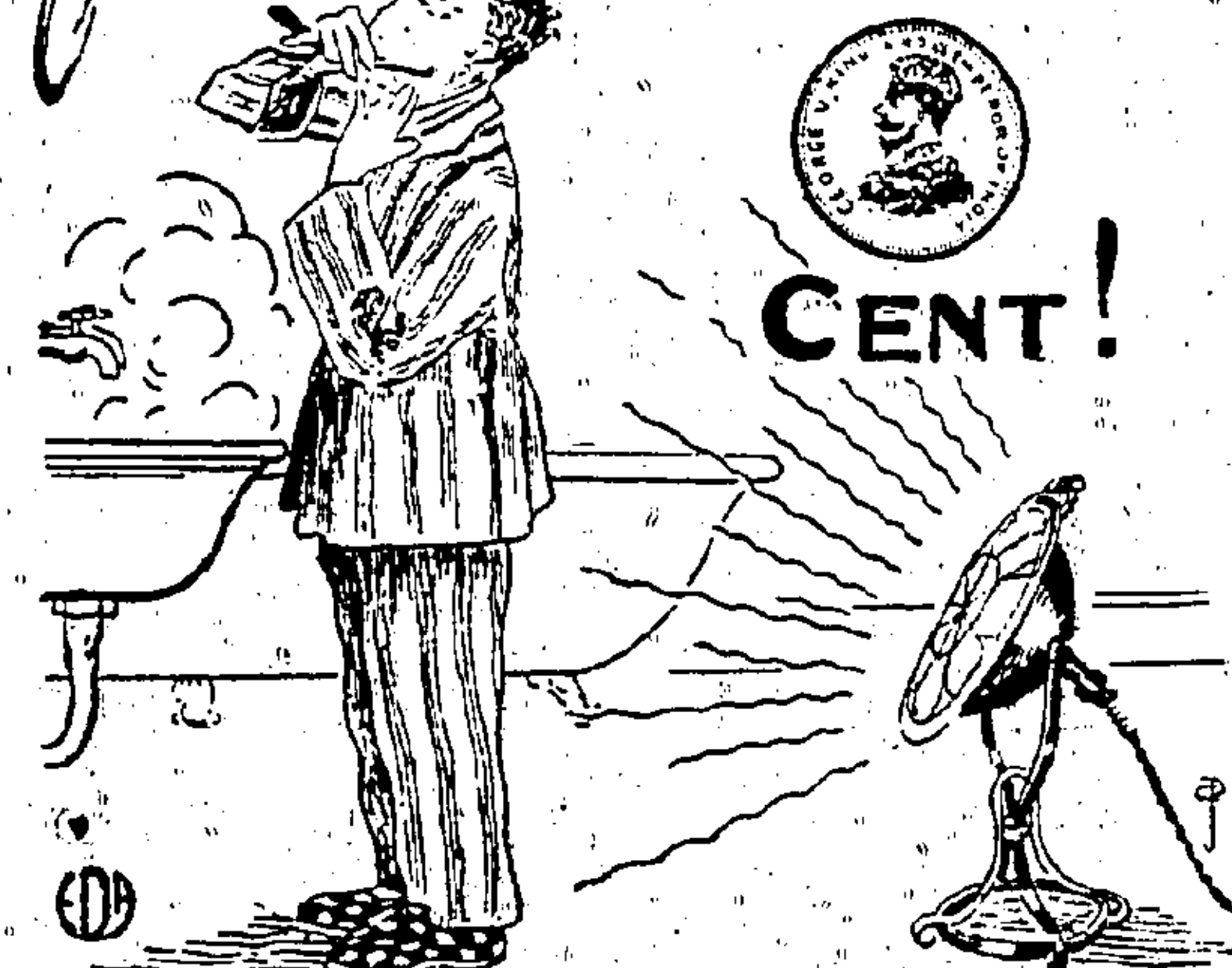
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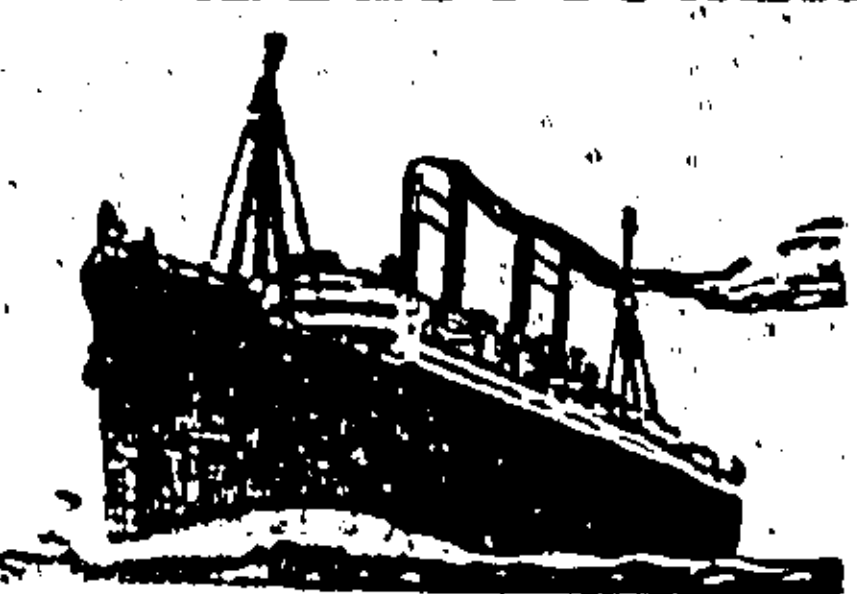
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## THE "PRESIDENT" LINERS.

HAS THE SHIPPING BOARD THE  
RIGHT TO SELL?

A Washington radio message to the Manila papers dated March 26th says:—  
Members of the Shipping Board today asked the general counsel of the organization for a ruling on its right to enter an agreement such as proposed by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for the purchase of the five vessels operated by that company between San Francisco and Manila.

The members of the board recalled that the attorney general in 1923 held that the board had no right to enter a similar agreement, and there was some indication that both the Pacific Mail and the Dollar Steamship Company bids might be rejected. Although the bid of the Dollar Company was received favourably by some members, especially because its provisions were for the outright purchase of the ships, others questioned the policy of the Dollar Company in bidding for Pacific Mail vessels and not for those operated by it from Seattle.

In a footnote to this message, the Manila Times says:—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company bid \$6,750,000 for the five vessels which it operates between San Francisco and Manila, while the Dollar Steamship Company bid \$5,825,000 for the same five ships. The Pacific Mail bid proposed the formation of a corporation with a capitalization equal to its bid in which the Shipping Board would take over a portion of the stock, and appoint a majority of the directors, provided the vessels should be operated on the present routes for at least a decade or as long thereafter as the Shipping Board controlled the corporation.

BRITISH SHIPPING INCUBUS.  
OWNERS CALL FOR REMOVAL.

PRIVILEGE OF FOREIGN  
COMPETITORS.

In the report of 1924 submitted last month to the meeting of the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association, which represents more than 5,800,000 tons gross of shipping, a serious fall in British coast shipments is announced, compared with a heavy increase in 1923, although as far as can be estimated there was an increase in the general export trade.

The controlling factor in recovering our overseas markets, states the report, lies in producing commodities which other countries not only want but can also afford to buy, and all that shipowners can do is to provide service at reasonable cost. This, it is claimed, has been achieved, and the financial results of representative companies for the past year prove that freights cannot be further reduced as the voyage profits have hardly covered depreciation.

While British shipowners have never asked for subsidies for any privileges, not shared by foreign competitors—in spite of discrimination shown against them in many foreign countries and competition by ships run by Dominion Governments, largely at the expense of their taxpayers—it is vital that shipowners facing these conditions should not be unfairly handicapped by restrictive regulations from which foreign ships are exempt.

Considerable additional obligations are now borne by the industry from increased fees for Government supervision and new and more stringent Board of Trade regulations, the wisdom and necessity of which are open to grave doubt, and from which foreign shipowners are exempt. Already the British standard with regard to health and comfort of the crew and safety of those on board is higher than that in ships of any other nation, and further requirements at heavy cost would appear to be appropriate for international agreement rather than for domestic legislation. Apart from these reasons, such excessive regulations hinder progress, and prevent development of new ideas and the building of new types of vessels to meet modern requirements.

WAR LOSSES REPLACED.

War losses have now been replaced by new tonnage, mainly by vessels delivered since the conclusion of peace, but as the losses were largely among the newer ships and as shipowners were forbidden by law from February 12th, 1915, to August 31st, 1924, to sell even their older ships, the average age of tonnage now in service is greater than in 1913.

The cost of replacement after the war, when the work done was inferior in quality, has been from two and a half to three times the original building cost, and the total sum paid by the shipping industry to make good war losses has been approximately £280,000,000 while trade has not been such as to show prospects of an adequate return on the huge capital outlay.

NO STATE ASSISTANCE.

Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister, President, Board of Trade, asked in the House of Commons recently, if he would take action to deal with the handicap of the shipbuilding industry in competing with foreign firms by assistance in respect of local rates and national taxation, said it would not be possible to single out one industry for special treatment.

## THE "NOBLE ART."

AND ITS IGNORANT RATING.

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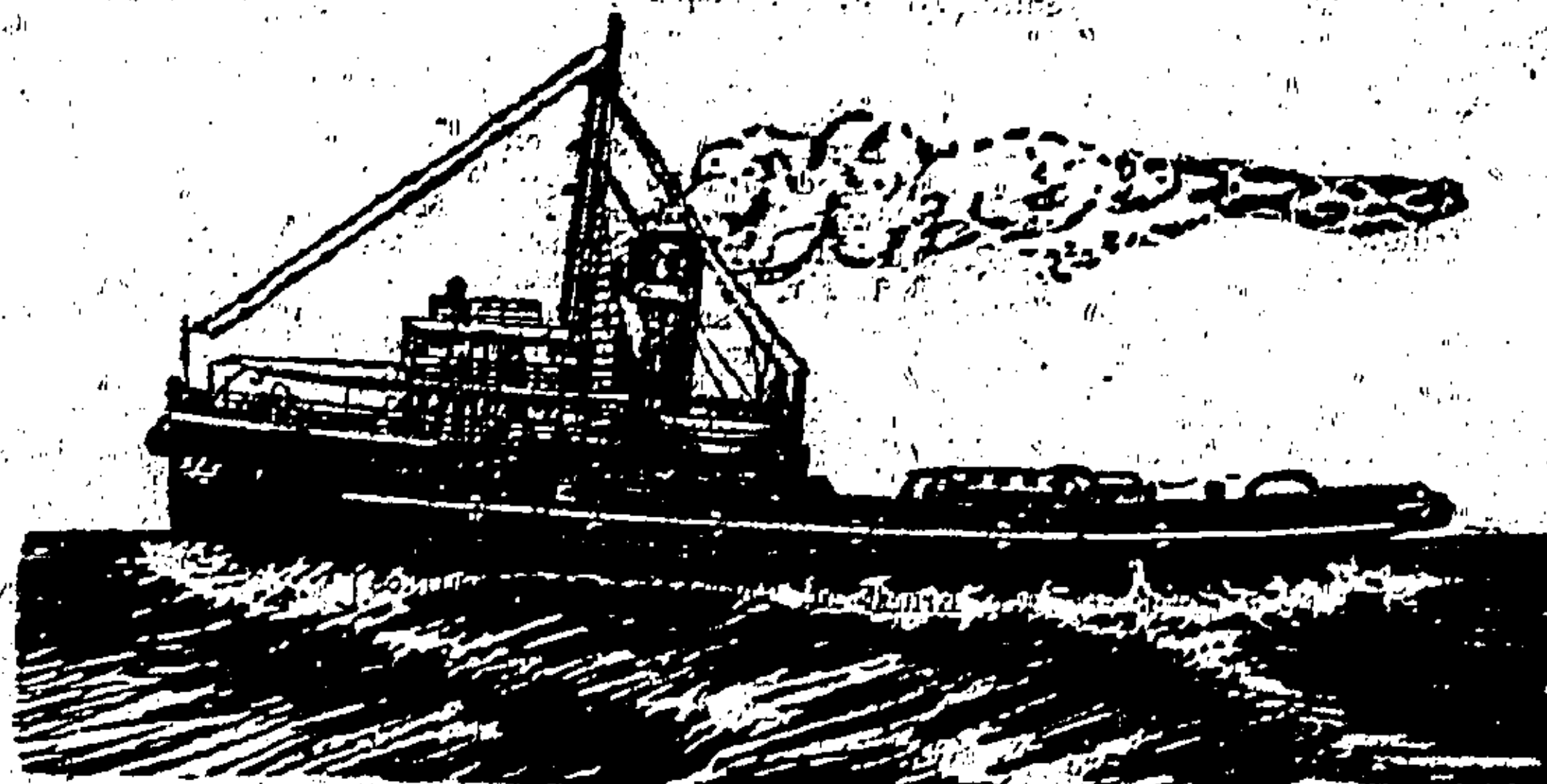
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